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Hello, OJJ Family:

I'm sure all of you remembered Administrative Professional's Day this week. If you didn't, you're probably paying for it now. While every member of the OJJ team keeps this agency running, I want to recognize the value and importance of administrative support staff contribution to our agency. We couldn't meet our mission without you!

How about that draft last night? When the dust settled, LSU's Morris Claiborne and Michael Brockers, were selected in the first half of the first round! Geaux Tigers! It's the first time that LSU has had multiple firstround picks since four Tigers were picked in 2007 and just the fifth time in school history. I'm staying tuned to see how the second round works out....

So it's that time of year again, no, not the legislative session, not the time when things really start to heat up outside, not the time when school zones start to end, - it's Jazz Fest time! If you're heading out to enjoy some music, remember the sunscreen or you'll be busted on Monday morning!

The executive team had a late night at the Capitol this week. I'm not sure if any of you got to see, but OJJ had their chance to testify in front of Senate Finance on Wednesday night. It went well and I always appreciate any time I get a chance to tell our elected officials about the important work we're doing.

On Wednesday, I had to see a man about a horse. If you haven't heard, we're trying to start a horse program at Jetson. We had a great meeting where we discussed educational, funding, therapeutic and job components of the program. We also started scouting out locations on JCY's campus. It's sure to be a great program for the youth. I want to take a second to send a shout out to the Hammond Region. I was supposed to meet with the Hammond team for a town hall this week. Unfortunately, sometimes I'm not in control of my own schedule and had to postpone that get together. I was really looking forward to spending some time with you guys and promise I'll reschedule soon.

Have a great weekend. And, thanks for all you do every day to meet our mission. You are awesome!

Sincerely,

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